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PLEASE HAVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO OREGON
GOVERNOR STRAUB, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL,
SALEM, OREGON:

BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR GOVERNOR STRAUB: THE STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS ADVISED ME THAT YOU WILL BE TRAVELING IN THIS AREA IN
OCTOBER AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE JOANN MCDANIEL CASE
WITH ME ON OCTOBER 15 OR THEREABOUTS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN
ADVISED THAT YOU INQUIRED ABOUT VISITING THE GIRLS AS WELL.

I WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
YOU PERSONALLY ON THIS CASE, AND EXTEND A CORDIAL INVITATION
FOR YOU TO SQTAY WITH MY WIFE AND WITH ME AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE
IN ANKARA WHILE YOU ARE IN TURKEY. ANKARA IS SOMWHAT OUT
OF THE WAY, HOWEVER, AND IF IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE, I WOULD BE
GLAD TO COME TO ISTANBUL AND CONFER WITH YOU THERE. PLEASE
LET ME KNOW WHAT YOUR WISHES ARE AND SPECIFICALLY, WHAT DATES
YOU WOULD PLAN TO BE IN ANKARA OR ISTANBUL.

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I HAVE NOT RAISED WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THE

QUESTION OF YOUR SEEING THE GIRLS. IF I PRESSED THIS VIGOROUSLY, THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE WORKED OUT. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND AGAINST YOUR DOING THIS FOR THE SAME REASON THAT UP TO NOW I HAVE NOT GONE DOWN TO SEE THEM. MY REASON HAS BEEN THAT A NUMBER OF TURKS HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO THE GIRLS' CASE AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND A WAY TO HELP THEM BUT IF IT BEGINS TO LOOK AS THOUGH HELPING IS A FORM OF YIELDING TO PUBLIC US PRESSURE, WHATEVER CHANCES WE HAVE OF ALLEVIATING THE SITUATION WILL DISAPPEAR. I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT MY OWN VISIT MIGHT BE MISREAD AS A FORM OF PUBLIC PRESSURE AND I BELIEVE A VISIT BY YOU RUNS THE SAME RISK. IF, HOWEVER, YOU ARE TRAVELING WITH AN AIDE, I WOULD NOT THINK THE SAME NEGATIVE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD APPLY IN HIS OR HER CASE. THE ADANA PRISION IS LOCATED IN SOUTHEASTERN TURKEY ABOUT 577 MILES (925 KILOMETERS) FROM ISTANBUL AND 304 MILES (486 KILOMETERS) FROM ANKARA. IT IS REACHABLE FROM BOTH BY TRAIN AND ALSO BY CAR. IT IS NOT REACHABLE FROM TEL AVIV EXCEPT VIA ISTANBUL. THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRISON VISITING DAY IN THE MID-OCTOBER PERIOD IS OCTOBER 13. WE COULD PERHAPS MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME OTHE DAY, BUT IF YOUR AIDE COULD BE ON HAND ON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER ALL AROUND.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED ME THAT MR. ROY G. DAVIS SHOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL CONTACT POINT FOR YOUR STAFF IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THIS CASE. MR. DAVIS IS CHIEF OF THE ARREST UNIT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS ADVISED ME THAT IT IS NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC THAT THE REPATRIATION ROUTE I HAVE MENTIONED IN MY CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOU WILL WORK OUT. I AM NOT EITHER, BUT I FRANKLY SEE AT THIS TIME NO ALTERNATIVE WHICH OFFERS A BETTER PROSPECT. I WOULD THINK IT USEFUL, HOWEVER, FOR MR. JIM MCDONALD OF YOUR STAFF TO TALK WITH MR. DAVIS AND OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO IN THE EARLIER HAYES' CASE AND ABOUT THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED SO THAT HE CAN BRIEF YOU BEFORE YOU AND I TALK.

WITH WARM BEST WISHES, BILL MACOMBER, U.S. AMBASSADOR
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TO TURKEY. END MESSAGE.
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